

WALLENPAUPACK INQUIRER GOSSIP COLUMN

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as told by Rolla Barrell

Looking into the past history of W.A.H.S. recently, I realized that this year is the fifteenth anniversary of the graduation of the Bicentennial Class. Fifteen years ago tonight, a group of 150 students from Wallenpaupack were let loose on the world, and earth hasn't been the same since. My curiosity was aroused to the point of searching out the lives of each and every Graduate from the class, and tonight I have a complete report on "The Fate of The Class of '76."

Upon being released, many members of the class headed for the Armed Services. **Lynne Weiland** who was a very active member of the class, has become a very famous Surgical Technician. She recently won high honors for the invention of Zippercatomy-- implantation of a zipper on the mouth. **Jeff Case** has become famous in the coast Guard for a death-defying attempt at saving a drowning sack of potatoes, and **Padriac McHale** the misunderstood genius of the Navy, has become leader of anti-sub warfare of the Irish Utopian Navy.

Jeff Watson has recently been suspended from the Air Force academy for installing wheelie-wheels on a jet fighter, and **Anthony Stein** was last seen driving an eighteen-wheel tractor-trailer on the deck of the USS Independence. **Kim West** has been awarded for service above-and-beyond the call of duty with a gallant attempt to save a sinking sub by placing her finger in the periscope opening, and at the same time, **Ken Watson** has been discharged from the Air Force for putting the wings on a plane, backwards

I hope those Watson boys get on the right track with their Airplane attachments.

On the sports scene, **Bill Fallon** was recently arrested for wrestling with a wave while on duty, and Jeff Harvey has invented a bionic arm to practice arm wrestling. **Laurie Abicht** now has her hands full forming an interesting gym class with her record- breaking number of children, and **Ed O'Brien** has become the first man to water ski around the world. **Frank Costa** has been entered in the Baseball Hall of Fame for breaking all previous baseball records (over his knee, of course.) **Jeff Weeks** is now a daredevil stunt motorcycle driver with the reputation of breaking all records and bones, **Scott Moser** has gained the title of Undecided Umpire, and Little **Rose Gilpin**, after a numerous amount of tragic bike accidents, has become a famed stunt driver, sponsored by Schwinn.

On the group scene, **Donna LaRosa**, **Holly Mcgirr**, and **Jean McCotter** have opened a new branch of Hemlock farms, **Lorraine Rasny**, **Kathy Conklin**, **Amy Surfass**, **Liz Schariest**, **Marianne Gormley**, and **Nancy Austin** have formed Hawley's first all-girl commune.

Mark Rinehart and **Andy Wulff** have gone into business together, and believe it or not, have become multi-millionaires. They have invented a fully automatic Robot, he eats, cooks, carries his own deck of cards, and best of all, is a-good income tax claim. **Bill Lutz**, **Scott Ames**, **Bob Almy**, and **Gene Doyle** have opened a chain of 'under-the-counter' drug pharmacies.

Doug Case, **Chuck Rosemergy**, and **Arno Pulici** have tied a knot In the Alaskan pipe- line, and sneaking of knots, there is a large one in the stomach of **Todd Abicht** as he and **Julie Wilson** prepare to take the big step. Also still tagging along are **Shawn Slattery** and **Sherry Altenburger**, who were last seen charting the orange groves of Florida, and, of course, the Woodloch Clan Aunt **Laurie Winkler**, Aunt **Nancy Ziezer**,

Aunt **Melinda Daniels**, And Aunt **Margie Kropf** were all on hand to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

With a peek at society, **Maureen McLaughlin** and **Andrea Simmons** have opened their own charm school, and **Janet O'Brien** now owns her own store, appropriately named "O'Brians". **Rich Chiprevich** has been voted the world's best dressed French Chef, and was last seen consulting with **Bruce Makely**, the new "Galloping ."

Linda Nasser, **Marla Saaf**, **Kari Mashburn**, **Regina Kolosky**, and **Jolene Pace** have become the founders of a new art school.

Adding a dim note to tonight's report, **Terry Cardinale** has talked herself to death, **Gail O'Connor** returned to New York and reportedly has been lost in the smog, and **Ned Travis**, famed Mafia hit-man, has been arrested for the murder of **Cindy Peoples**. The Babbling-**Barry Finan** has finally fallen off the deep end, folks. Barry was escorted away by the white coats, while he mumbled over and over, "Hopefully a businessman, a businessman I'll be, a business man with lots of money, that's the life for me!" **Kevin Clarke** now has **Bonnie McKean** working steadily to pay his hospital bills, due to recent accidents in the demolition-derby. **Stacey Melling** as been fired as Kevin's "private" nurse after she accidentally dropped her shot-put on his face.

For Record Breaking Events:

Patty Bortree has been entered in the Guinness World Book of Records for the longest non-stop conversation: **Sue Southwick** and **Fannie VonHake** have broken the record for the world's longest argument, and they weren't even trying!

Timmy Strait must have broken a record by now, for he has been sleeping on a Simmons Beauty Rest since June 5, 1975: and **Jeff Moreiko** is now the world's oldest living grease monkey, working with **Chris Martin**, who has just invented a car that runs on bat droppings. **Gary Strasser**, **Ron Surman**, **Scott Unger**, and **Tom Robinson** have hit a 4-way tie for the title of 'World's oldest Living Teen-Ager.'

Many of the 1976 graduates became inventors of many strange but useful items that may soon be seen on the market

Debbie Hill has invented a new hydraulic dentist lifter, raising the dentist instead of the patient's chair, **James Missilery** has become a "Jimmy of all trades," and **Renee Garman** has invented a deerskin volley-ball (available with or without antlers.)

Mary Ellen Gibbons has created the latest "no-care" haircut. The directions are: (1) leave it alone, (2) do nothing, (3) absolutely no care necessary. Sorry to say it, folks, but it hasn't caught on as yet.

Ruth Grube has become a designer of bicentennial beer bottles, and **Terry Fletcher** models bottles; **Mike Gibbons** has designed safety gadgets for skies; and **Debbie Clauson** had a fine review in last week's report for underwater baseball, the world's fastest growing sport.

For a special mind-bending report, **John Badoud**, alias “hobo” has become the high-light of the Paris fashion world for his unique style of pre-decrepit jeans and greasy shirts.

Business mindedness hit more than just Barry’s mind. Others of the class were fairly successful

Joe Eisenhower now owns a chain of technological farms; **Bill Dougher** is a professional party organizer in competition with the Tupperware ladies of America; and **Peg Miller** opened her own school for twirlers.

Bill Utegg, now in business with **Gene Krause**, has opened a branch office of the “Pike-Wayne Turkey”; **Linda Travis** is head real-estate broker for Skiers; and **Carolyn Weissman**, the world famous fashion designer, is now traveling through Europe with Pierre Cardin and Gucci.

The famous architect, **Mark Williams**, has submitted patented plans to rebuilt Hawley, but at our last meeting, still had heard no promising news. **Teresa Surplice** has been signed as Sharp Shooter of the #91 Olympics; **Adele Karam** is the proud owner of a chain of restaurants, Hawley Diner style, and **Drew Seaman** has become a composer. On last week’s episode of Meet the Press, Drew was asked his opinion of the new orchestra. His reply: “I don’t Know.”

Sue Bortree has been honored as the world’s first truthful bookkeeper, and **Tammy Rose** opened a florist shop and developed a new hybrid rose.

Jimmy Gumble has finally worked his way to the top, folks, By brown-nosing all the way, he has now become the head of Brown Noser, International. **Eric Ehrhardt** is featured this month on the cover of American Sportsman, and **Vera Hanf** is now teaching handicapped children to play the clarinet. **Sue Bittel** is the world’s first women’s sports announcer, and **Ann Cardillo** has changed her name from one-can-Annie to two-can Annie, since she opened the new addition to her chain of breweries.

In the Horse world, **Wanda Delling** has been awarded for braiding a herd of wild horses tails together, and **Kathy Swingle** has been renamed the Rinstone Cowgirl.

For a few filler and late reports, tonight was the premier of the **John Sullivan** Show, starring **Paul Zitzleman** with his black belt and black eye. Linda Steiger has been seen bumping her way to Broadway as she recruits new dancers for The Rockettes, and Mary Skasko was found up to her neck in furs.

Our new President, Mr. **Hank Kazanes**, has devised a policy for a perfect society. **Lynn Pratt**, Secretary of State, and **Lynn Sheridan**, Hank’s personal Secretary, both refused to comment.

There were many members of the class of ‘76 that just couldn’t get things together after graduation. **Stewart Beck** earned a dishonorable discharge from all branches of the armed services due to lack of participation in life, and **Debbie Krapf** is still looking for **Mark Rinehart** since slave-day, fifteen years ago! **Tom Campbell** is still involved in trying to convince medical authorities that he is alive. And **Theresa Snyder** is still in hock after her great bargain on Slave Day.

Mary McLain has been sentenced to life in jail for police brutality after she beat up her instructor, and **Debbie Mackreth** was thrown off the nurses staff because she would not communicate

with her patients. Admiral **Scott Ringleben** is being hospitalized for getting his hand stuck in a port hole, and **William Hancock** was arrested for forging John Hancock's name on the Declaration of Independence.

Paul Brown is still at Penn State trying to complete a course in accounting.

Once in a while during their senior year, the Bicentennial class heard speeches on excessive absenteeism. Three members of the class still were plagued with the disease. **Jere DeEsch** started but never finished a resort because he missed work so much, and **John Ward** has been fired from many jobs for the same reason. **Barbara Mercereau** entered a contest to race around the world in 80 days, but was disqualified for excessive absence.

I received a letter from **Tim Gibbons** the other day. It seems he is thriving in an African pygmy culture.

Nancy Gumble has been awarded special honors by the class for action above and beyond the call of duty. After the graduation ceremonies, she kidnapped the entire WAHS administration!

For those of you who were worried about the daring **Kathy Nierstedt**, she is doing fine. She has become the leader of a motorcycle gang in Jersey City. And **Janice Brand** is now an undercover agent for the Hawley Police Department.

I'm sure everyone remembers the Coutts Cousins. Well, at last report, **Carol Coutts** has decided to spend her life traveling around Hawley, and **Barbara** has her own morning talk show, which stars **Lorrie Doran** as a weather forecaster, and **Sue Garbolino**, world famous fashion model appearing frequently in front of a mirror.

Yesterday's headlines told of the feats of **Billy French**. He has parted the waters of Hemlock lake to save a drowning child. And, speaking of amazing feats, **Diane Adams**, **Lori Ferratti**, and **Carl Frisbie** have caused mutiny in room 123 with the take-over of Mr. Noones class.

Stan Frisbie has become a famous horticulturist, and **Sue Friedrich** has finally had to cut her hair because it wouldn't fit under her nurse's cap. **Robert Miller** has become private manager of Dr. J. a (Julius Erving) **Thomas Quinn** is now commander in chief of the Hawley Army, and **Laura Pratt** has become the proud leader of her own den of little cubs.

Judy Scott owns a singing Ice Cream Parlor with stage productions every Saturday night, and **Scott Lawrence** now manages a chain of Sleepy Hallow motels.

Speaking of owning and managing, **Margaret Keller** is running her own art gallery and **Glen Kempinski** is the proud owner of a line of truck stops.

Pat Dougher is now the commander of Dougher International Finances, and **Sue Miller** is still juggling the books at Woodlock Pines. **Peg Brown** is the head of a chain of Brown Pharmacies across the country, and **Kathy Beilman**, who has devoted her life to helping exceptional children, is the subject of **Carol Green's** new novel. **Sue Hasen** has been voted housewife and mother of the month, but her title is threatened by **Grace Cianciotto**, who recently married a rich Spanish professor. And **Joy Newenhouse** is still serving up a terrific banana Split.

We leave all of the members of the class of '76 with just one final thought. **Nancy Barnes** is living very happily with her Charlie, so we can all sit back and enjoy the next 15 years without anymore worry.

This article was written in co-operation with many parents that produced our subjects. We would like to take the time to thank them, as well as our staff for their research and effort.

Written by:

Cindy Peoples
Lynne Weiland
Grace Cianciotto
Fannie VonHake
and
Paddy McHale

Missing from the story:

Carol Figgins
Debra June Greaves
Marie Justice
Jimmy Knapp
Fred Richards
Theresa Lynne Williams

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